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To Whom it may Concern,

I am against the removal of any and all dams on the Snake River or the Columbia River.

Biological science does not support dam breaching. The facts clearly indicate that dams are not threatening the survival of salmon. According to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), juvenile survival is higher now than in the 1960s and 1970s.

The Army Corps of Engineers have stated that the Lower Snake River Dams have not raised the temperature of the water in the 140-mile stretch of river above Pasco. In fact, the corps' chief of fisheries management has said that the agency has actually contributed to the lowering of temperature by releasing large slugs of cold water from behind the Dworshak Dam in Idaho during the spring and summer.

NMFS has stated that turbine passage survival studies at the Lower Snake River dams found a smolt survival rate of more than 92%. NMFS has also stated that adult migration past the four Lower Snake River dams is similar both before and after the dams were constructed.

The bottom line is, political science can be more persuasive than biological science. And right now, the proponents of dam breaching are grabbing the spotlight.

All of us who depend on the dams for our regional economic livelihood know science is on our side.

Please join me in support of the dams.

Thank you,

*Karen Wilde*